



SEANAD ÉIREANN

**AN BILLE IDIRGHABHÁLA, 2017
MEDIATION BILL 2017**

**LEASUITHE COISTE
COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

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AN BILLE IDIRGHABHÁLA, 2017 —AN COISTE

MEDIATION BILL 2017 —COMMITTEE STAGE

Leasuithe Amendments

**Government amendments are denoted by an asterisk*

SECTION 3

1. In page 7, after line 36, to insert the following:

“(k) proceedings where there are allegations of domestic violence or assault between the relevant parties;

(l) proceedings where the safety of one of the parties (and/or their children) is at risk.”.

—Senators Niall Ó Donnghaile, Lynn Ruane, Rose Conway-Walsh, Trevor Ó Clochartaigh, Máire Devine, Paul Gavan, Fintan Warfield, Pádraig MacLochlainn, Frances Black, Alice-Mary Higgins.

SECTION 6

2. In page 9, between lines 5 and 6, to insert the following:

“(d) request interpretation services where a language barrier exists.”.

—Senators Lynn Ruane, Alice-Mary Higgins, Frances Black.

SECTION 8

3. In page 10, between lines 2 and 3, to insert the following:

“(iii) make enquires separately with the parties as to whether there has been domestic abuse in the relationship to assess if the case is suitable for mediation,”.

—Senators Niall Ó Donnghaile, Lynn Ruane, Rose Conway-Walsh, Trevor Ó Clochartaigh, Máire Devine, Paul Gavan, Fintan Warfield, Pádraig MacLochlainn, Frances Black, Alice-Mary Higgins.

SECTION 9

4. In page 10, between lines 36 and 37, to insert the following:

“(b) training for mediators in relation to domestic violence awareness and working with perpetrators and victims of domestic abuse;”.

—Senators Niall Ó Donnghaile, Lynn Ruane, Rose Conway-Walsh, Trevor Ó Clochartaigh, Máire Devine, Paul Gavan, Fintan Warfield, Pádraig MacLochlainn, Frances Black, Alice-Mary Higgins.

[SECTION.9]

5. In page 11, between lines 7 and 8, to insert the following:

“(h) Irish language proficiency standards for mediators who wish to provide their service in Irish;”.

—*Senators Niall Ó Donnghaile, Rose Conway-Walsh, Trevor Ó Clochartaigh, Máire Devine, Paul Gavan, Fintan Warfield, Pádraig MacLochlainn.*

SECTION 14

6. In page 15, between lines 4 and 5, to insert the following:

“(d) advise the client that mediation is voluntary and may not be an appropriate means of resolving the dispute if domestic abuse has occurred.”.

—*Senators Lynn Ruane, Alice-Mary Higgins, Frances Black.*

7. In page 15, between lines 4 and 5, to insert the following:

“(d) advise the client that mediation is voluntary and may not be an appropriate means of resolving the dispute where the safety of the client and/or their children is at risk.”.

—*Senators Lynn Ruane, Alice-Mary Higgins, Frances Black.*

8. In page 15, between lines 4 and 5, to insert the following:

“(d) advise the client that mediation is voluntary and may not be an appropriate means of resolving the dispute where the safety of the client and/or their children is at risk and/or if domestic abuse has occurred.”.

—*Senators Lynn Ruane, Alice-Mary Higgins, Frances Black.*

SCHEDULE

9. In page 23, between lines 13 and 14, to insert the following:

“(e) establish and maintain a register of mediators who are compliant with *paragraph (d)* and available to provide mediation services in Irish;”.

—*Senators Niall Ó Donnghaile, Rose Conway-Walsh, Trevor Ó Clochartaigh, Máire Devine, Paul Gavan, Fintan Warfield, Pádraig MacLochlainn.*